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About Arlington People

Two Arlington residents were among the 31 students of the School of Practical Nursing at the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea who received their caps before a large crowd of family and friends at the Home's Annual Capping and Chevron Award Ceremony.

Cathryn Flonis of 76 Mass. ave. and Maryann Jones of 40 Lake st. were awarded their caps upon completion of the pre-clinical period of their 12-month school program.

The Cambridge YWCA has acquired a new teacher in Barbara Bean, who will be teaching jogging (including stretching, warm-up exercises, and tips on marathon running) at 10:30 a.m. during the YWCA winter term. She will also be teaching a drop-in basketball class at noon on Sundays.

Ms. Bean, who runs over twenty miles a day, has accumulated six varsity letters, three ribbons of placement, and an award for sportsmanship in her eight years of running. She has also been assistant coach and captain of her high school cross-country team and has run this year for Suffolk University's men's cross-country team.

She is a member of the Liberty Track Club of Boston.

William Homer is recuperating from a broken hip at home. He slipped during the sleet storm before Christmas on his way to his class in journalism at Suffolk University. That didn't stop him though—he went to the school, passed out the exam, and had to be persuaded to get medical attention. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

A paper by Arlington resident Diana Long Hall, assistant professor of biology and history at Boston University, is being published by Barnard College. The paper was presented at the college's Woman's Center annual conference.

"The Social Implications of the Scientific Study of Sex" compares the ways in which the scientist, historian and feminist would look at knowledge in a new field as it is created. Her paper examines the ways in which accepted, social assumptions about science and sex roles affected the development of the field of sex endocrinology in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in the U.S.

Dr. Hall, wife of Prof. David Hall, received her bachelor's from Smith College and her master's and PhD degrees from Yale University. She has been a research associate at Yale and associate editor of the Journal of the History of Biology.

On exhibit at the Mezzanine Art Gallery, Langdell Hall, Harvard Law School, until March 18 are 24 watercolor paintings by Ella Buzzotta. Nine of the paintings feature horses in Myopia Hunt Club scenes, at polo games and races. Mrs. Buzzotta is a rider and equestrian student.

The other 15 paintings are a mixture of rural, autumn, harbor, and snow scenes and still-life studies.

The Thomas Crane Public Library in Quincy just completed an exhibit of photographs by Neil Wetherbee. The Arlington resident has exhibited over 1000 photographs in more than 25 countries and 35 states and has won over 50 gold, silver and bronze medals in competition.

Wetherbee photographs appear in many publications, as do articles he has written about photography. He teaches a course on color photography concepts at Cambridge YMCA and has appeared on Boston television shows.

Non-Traditional Jobs Workshop For Women 18th

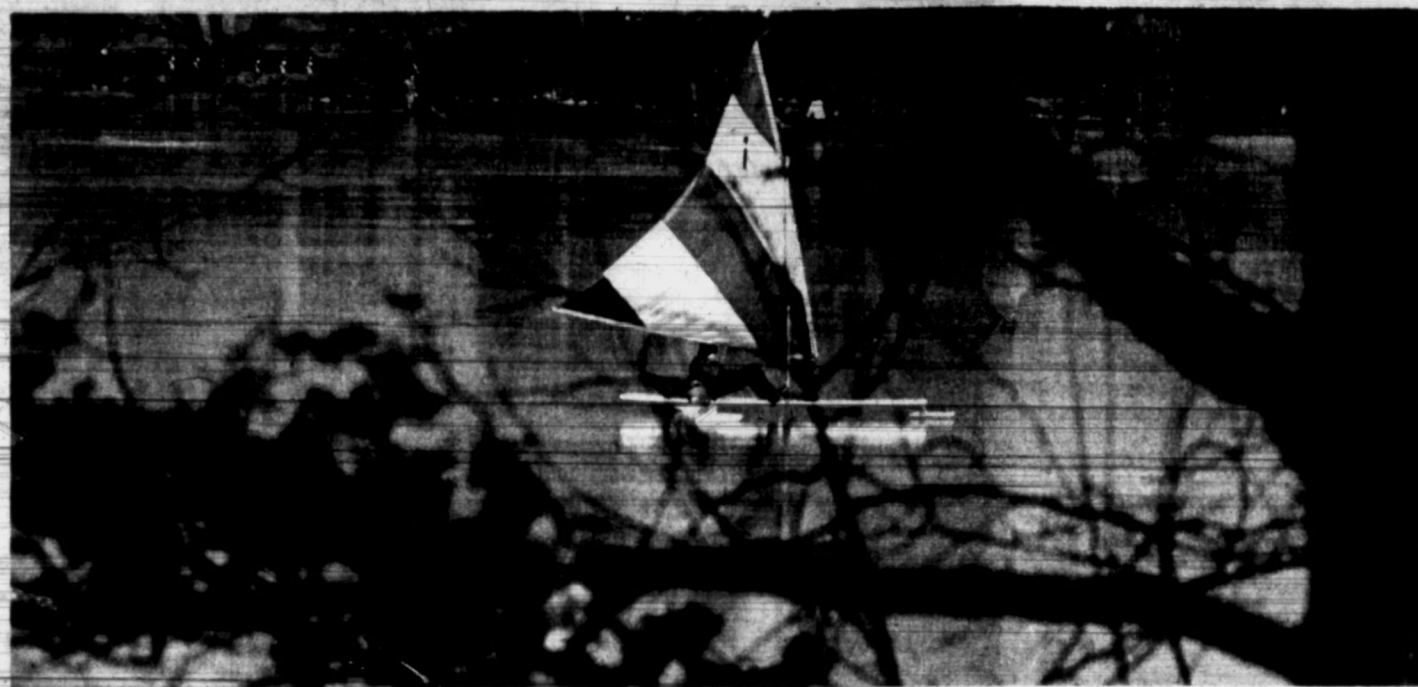
A special workshop on non-traditional job opportunities for women will be held on Jan. 18, from 10-2, at the CETA Carpentry Workshop in Fidelity House, 25 Medford st. Lunch will be provided.

The Arlington CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) office will host the workshop which will include a general review of non-traditional careers for women with a strong emphasis on the following four occupations: plumbing, painting, carpentry, and electrical work.

Women employed in these four areas will discuss their respective job experiences. Participants in the workshop will examine employment options in such careers and related advantages and disadvantages. Literature on apprenticeships and educational programs will be available.

During the months of January, February, and March, the Arlington CETA office will be announcing trainee openings in these non-traditional job areas. All unemployed Arlington women are encouraged to participate in the workshop and to apply for these training positions.

To sign up for the workshop, contact Sondra Olivieri, 641-0750, at the Arlington Resource Center, 683 Mass. ave.



Ice sailing on Spy Pond

(Photo by Clifford Kolovson)

Day Custodian

Vinnie Schwab Is Keeper Of Robbins Town Hall & Its Past

By Richard G. Nigbuhr

In his 17 years working for the Town Hall, day custodian Vinnie Schwab has probably learned more about the building than anyone else now there. To take a tour around the Town Hall with Vinnie is to walk back in time through the six and a half decades of the building's existence.

Arlington residents who have lived in the town since the 1950's or have been frequent visitors of the Town Hall are probably familiar with the addition which was completed on the building's south side in 1955.

However, the Town Hall has undergone a variety of less drastic changes. The relics of its past are scattered throughout its rooms and corridors, generally overlooked in the everyday activity in the building. It takes someone like Vinnie to explain their significance and, in so doing, recreate a bit of Town Hall history.

For example, in the little lobby outside the

Credit Union and Vinnie's office in the west end of the basement, stands a heavy black scale. Except for its long and wide base, it looks like a scale one would see in a doctor's office.

But far from having a medical use, this scale is a leftover from the old Bureau of Weights and Measures which once occupied the Credit Union office. Any resident, says Vinnie, who wanted to know the weight or dimensions of something he owned, could bring it to the bureau to find out.

The main hall on the first floor also contains clues to its past. Hidden away beneath the stage lie a few short brass poles and stacks of dusty planks with small rectangular holes cut in them.

The poles, and a velvet rope which connected them, formed the railing which was set up in the lobby when the hall was being used for town meetings or special events.

The planks are part of what Vinnie remembers as part of a "three to four day job," the preparation of the hall for a town meeting. After the entire white oak floor had been covered with canvas, the planks were laid down. With their rectangular holes, they acted as wooden cleats to hold meeting chairs in place.

As the pattern of the holes on each cleat varies, they could only be laid down one way. "If you made a mistake, you started all over again," says Vinnie. He adds that the plastic chairs now used for meetings are easier to set up and, because they take up less space than the wooden ones, more can be used.

Plenty of evidence exists to show what the main hall has been used for other than meetings.

Four small metal lids can be found on the floor of the stage. Lifting any one of these reveals an inch-thick pipe just below the stage's surface. According to Vinnie, wires tied around these pipes anchored the frames of the trapeze acts which were once held in the Town Hall. The stage was also used for vaudeville shows.

From the floor of the main hall, the painted woodland scene backdrop is clearly visible at the rear of the stage. It and two other large canvases, a city scene and a country scene, provided backgrounds for the productions of the Friends of Drama.

Above the backdrops, a maze of ropes rises two stories into the scaffolding above the stage. There is a tiny platform up there, too, containing a board with a mass of light-switches on it.

Connecting the stage with the platform is a "whistle tube." It gets its name, Vinnie explains, from the practice play directors had of whistling into it to get the attention of the person on the platform high above when it was time to make a change of lights or backdrop. (Modern theatres use a telephone.)

A few steps from the platform, on the third floor, is the former Town Planning office. Now used as a telephone exchange, it still has an old map on the wall. At least part of the plan elaborated there for Arlington's future never came to pass. The map designates the area north and west of Hutchinson road as zoned for offices.

A flight of stairs from the telephone exchange leads to the gallery above the main hall. The walls are lined with gas jets, showing how the hall was once illuminated.

Each square in the ceiling of the main hall, says Vinnie, was cast individually. Made of plaster poured over a wire and straw base, the squares are tied to rods and beams above them.

In the Hearing Room, along the north side of the second floor, a large clock, flanked by two carved eagles hangs on the wall. A Howard Co. clock, it is unique, as its makers never designed two exactly the same.

Though the Hearing Room has always been used for the same purpose, the corridor outside it, connecting the Town Clerk's office with the Selectmen's office, has had a more varied past.

In the late forties, Police Archie Bullock

organized a Friday afternoon recreation program for teen-agers. As part of the program, a ping-pong table was set up in the corridor outside the Hearing Room.

Occasionally, a teen-aged boy, bored while watching a game, would slash one of the horsehair cushions on the benches along the wall with his knife. It became such a habit, says Vinnie, that the Town Hall's custodians kept flipping the cushions over, turning up the slashed sides Friday afternoon, while exposing the good sides the rest of the week.

Down the hall, in the Town Clerk's office, is another interesting clock. Once the master clock of the Town Hall, it hangs behind a wooden panel which now supports a large plastic clock. Vinnie describes it as a "pulsating clock" — when it ticked, all the other clocks in the Town Hall ticked. On the shelf beneath its quicksilver-filled pendulum, are a few pieces of paper giving the dates when the clock was serviced. The earliest is 1915.

With the exceptions of the Building Inspector's office, the Credit Union, and Vinnie's office, the Town Hall's basement is foreign territory to Arlington residents. Being dark and dusty, it's hardly a place to visit. However, it contains two pieces of old and unusual machinery, at least one of which is unique in Arlington.

An enormous air-conditioner takes up a large part of the basement. Its major component is a large metal airwheel, a device which looks as if it belongs on the side of a Mississippi riverboat.

Run by a one-horsepower engine, the wheel sucks air into the building through outside vents and sends it down a network of low, cramped corridors (called "the Tombs" by Vinnie) which border the main hall. The corridors are connected by vertical air shafts with vents which allow the air to enter the main hall.

The basement also contains Arlington's only water-powered elevator. Situated in a corner of the boiler room, the elevator is used for moving trash from the basement up to ground level. Its square wooden platform slowly rises after the turn of a faucet sends water spilling into its shaft.

In the eastern end of the basement, amidst the wire-covered shelves where the Town Hall's records are kept, sits a large Moser safe. "It was a very vault-conscious time," says Vinnie of the period of the building's construction. Large safes represented the highest form of security available at the time and seven were intended for the building by its architects.

Vinnie's connection with the Town Hall pre-dates his employment there. His father-in-law was Dr. Brooks, Arlington's first Town Dentist and a member of the Board of Health for 39 years.

But, like many other things in the building, the office of Town Dentist now exists only in the memory of Vinnie and a few other past and present employees of the Town Hall. The functions of the position were gradually reduced during the 1950's and 1960's until it was phased out entirely about 10 years ago. The old office itself is occupied by part of the Department of Natural Resources.

Macrame Class For Jr. High Students Starts Next Week

Arlington Recreation is adding a new program to its schedule — Macrame for beginners. It will be offered to Jr. high students beginning Tuesday at the Jr. High East and Jan. 12 at the Jr. High West from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

The program will run for four weeks and include projects such as plant hangers, macrame bracelets and the learning of basic macrame knots. All materials will be supplied. Registration will be held at the Arlington Recreation Office, 33 Ryder st., from 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. There will be a minimal fee charged.

Town-School Census Starts Door To Door; 1980 Population Eyed

The annual town census is under way in Arlington, and as 1980 approaches the number of residents responding to the census becomes critical. If the town population falls below 50,000 in 1980 the town could lose hundreds of thousands of federal dollars.

After the 1977 census was conducted the town was 185 short of 50,000 and almost lost Community Development Block Grant funds. An amendment which Sen. Edward Brooke was instrumental in passing through Congress allowed Arlington and several other communities to keep their federal money until the 1980 federal census.

Town Clerk Christine Callahan feels that as many as 2,000 residents do not respond to the census. By law, there is a penalty for those who do not respond or who respond untruthfully.

This year's census is the first under a new state law which combines the school and town census data gathering operations into one census. All residents over the age of one day as of Jan. 1 will be included in this year's census.

Up until this year the school census was conducted every October by 14 census-takers hired by the Public Schools Attendance Office.

According to Attendance Officer Malcolm Smith, the information asked this year will be the same. The name, address, sex, date of birth and school (on Oct. 1, 1977), if one is attended, will be asked for every child under age 17.

The census card includes space for indication of special needs information such as if a child is deaf or non-English speaking. This data, and the population figures, help school officials project school enrollments for the future.

Much the same basic information, such as name, sex and age, is required of Arlington residents over age 17. In addition, they must list their occupations and residence last Jan. 1 for the town census. Residents away in school or the military should be listed by their families unless they are registered voters in another community.

Another section of the card asks for the number of dogs in the family, their sexes, and if the females are spayed.

A sample of the card and the questions which will be asked appeared on Page 18 in last week's Advocate.

The census cards are filled out by census-takers during brief personal interviews. About 30 people have been hired by Town Clerk Callahan for four weeks. Most of them will work in the precincts in which they live. Identification badges have been issued to all census-takers with their names and the designation "Town of Arlington" on them. The census-takers will also carry a letter of appointment from the Town Clerk.

Census-takers began calling on homes Tuesday. In cases where they find no one at

home, they leave a notice explaining the census and giving a time when they will return.

Census-takers who are unable to contact a resident on the second visit will be leaving a final notice urging the resident to call the office of Registrars of Voters at Town Hall immediately. As the final notice explains, failure to respond may have such consequences as loss of voting rights and inability to obtain official verification of residence.

An innovation in this year's census is the requirement that managers of apartment houses which have more than eight units take census information from their tenants. In the past, the Registrar's office could provide its census takers only with a list of residents in an apartment building, making it necessary for the takers to go through the managers to obtain apartment numbers of tenants.

With the apartment managers now taking care of that information themselves, through forms mailed to them from the Town Hall last week, Mrs. Callahan believes the taking of the census will be made easier and more efficient.

The final results of the census will be checked against the voter registration list to make certain all residents will have been contacted. The information will be put on computer tapes and the completed school census will go to school officials by April 1.

Up until this past census, Arlington had a population comfortably over the 50,000 cut-off for federal funds.

In the last three years Arlington has received \$952,000 from the federal government based on the extent of economic disadvantage, the age of the housing stock and the growth rate of the town's population in relation to that of the surrounding metropolitan area.

According to Planning Director Alan McClennen the grants have funded a rehabilitation loan program for low and moderate income homeowners, paid for the Broadway Plaza project, and allowed the town to operate a dial-a-ride taxi service for the elderly.

The federal funds also assisted the town with the Triangle parking area reconstruction and the purchase on Water street of the MBTA power station and the site of a house which had burned which became a new municipal parking area.

The amendment which passed Congress says that federal funding can be reduced or cut off only if a community drops below its minimum specified population level in the 10-year federal census. So, in 1980, if Arlington still shows less than 50,000 residents, that could be the end of the rehabilitation loan program and the dial-a-ride taxi and the town will have to re-evaluate its proposed business district improvements, according to McClennen.

Ideas Welcomed

Expanded Elderly Programs Planned At Fidelity House

Beginning with the New Year, Fidelity House will be adding some new active programs for older residents. Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The program will include pool, bumper pool, air hockey and ping pong with an occasional instruction in pool if there is sufficient interest, and board games such as chess, checkers, Monopoly, Chinese Checkers and Scrabble.

Progressive exercise classes to restore the physical form, flexibility, circulation and endurance so often lost with the relative inactivity of retirement.

Classes will begin with easy exercises and will progress as far as each individual cares to. Bowling will be held on Friday mornings at the Turnpike Bowladrome with leagues if there is sufficient interest. Transportation to and from Fidelity House will be available.

Arts and crafts for both men and women will be on Wednesday mornings, featuring a quiet comfortable corner for good conversation or TV along with a cup of coffee or tea and snacks. Theater, concerts, art galleries, museums and special events of all kinds will be scheduled depending upon the interest shown by participants. Transportation to and from Fidelity House will be provided.

Other programs in the talking stages are

Pre-school Hours Listed At Robbins

The Junior Library of the main Robbins Library will begin two six-week sessions of pre-school story hours the week of Jan. 9. The story hours, both for 3½-5 year olds, will be on Tuesdays (beginning Jan. 10) and Fridays (beginning Jan. 13) from 10:30-11 a.m.

There is no registration required for these programs, so children may go to either or both sessions as often as they like.

Armed Group Holds Up Spa, Robs Customers

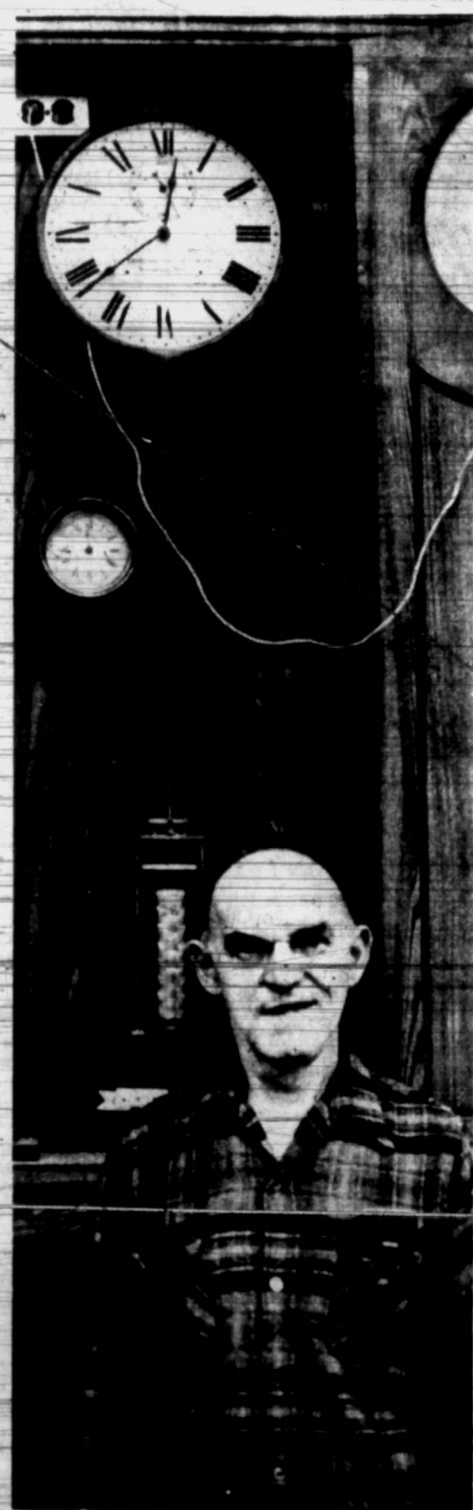
Three men brandishing a snubnose revolver and a sawed off shotgun held up Melrose Spa Tuesday night at 9, taking \$150 plus from the store plus three customers' handbags with \$80.

Owner Stephen Mucci, two employees and three customers were in the store at the time of the armed robbery. None of them was injured.

A short time after the robbery, police found the getaway car on Lafayette street. It had been stolen from North Cambridge earlier in the evening. Police towed it to the police garage to dust for fingerprints.

Later Tuesday evening a resident of North Cambridge called police to report finding a handbag, one of those taken in the robbery. According to police reports, three men entered the spa. Two were armed and all wore ski masks. It is not certain if a fourth person waited in the car.

Footprints on street indicated that the holdup men took off on foot towards Route 2.



IN CLERK'S OFFICE — Vinnie Schwab stands beside the Town Hall's former master clock. The pendulum contains quicksilver, a substance Vinnie remembers using as a child to make pennies look like dimes.

3.2% Hike Proposed

Minuteman Budget Hearing Tuesday

Residents of the Minuteman Tech area towns are invited to a public hearing at the school at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday to comment on the proposed 1978-79 school budget.

Representatives of area finance committees, members of an unofficial ad hoc regional finance committee, reviewed the budget with the school committee this week. School chairman Rico Merluzzo of Arlington expects that his committee will weigh all input and review the budget for the final approval at its Jan. 17 meeting.

In anticipation of the public review of the budget, Minuteman has sent copies of the budget and summaries to chairmen of school committees, selectmen, finance committees and tech advisory committees in the 12-town district.

The tentative gross budget for the next school year is about \$6.5 million up 3.2 percent, but from this is deducted over \$3 million in state, federal and other revenues which leaves a net of \$3,335,561 to be financed by the member towns.

The Minuteman budget includes \$1.3 million for construction debt and \$298,500 for interest, as well as an operating and maintenance budget of \$4,881,894, for the \$6.5 million total gross budget.

For Arlington this means an assessment of \$936,000. The town's enrollment at Minuteman went from 280 in 1976 to 346 this fall, an increase in enrollment of 23.6 percent. Based on the enrollment, Arlington's share of the operating and capital costs is 28.5 percent. The increase in assessment represents 2.5 percent, or about \$25,000 dollars. The town is

also assessed a share of the costs of the afternoon ROP and adult education programs which is included in the \$936,000 assessment estimate.

The biggest feeder town in the district is Arlington with 346 students. Lexington is second, then Acton with 143 and Belmont with 120 students. Each town is assessed its share of the costs of the school based on its share of enrollment.

The Minuteman budget differs from that of area school committees in a number of respects. A major difference is that Minuteman has no finance committee to go to for emergency transfer of funds. If it runs out of money, there is no more. Legislation was filed but never passed to legally establish regional school finance committees and reserve funds. The budget includes some extra funds for utilities and fuel, but not what Merluzzo considers enough.

Minuteman teachers do not automatically get step pay increases for each year as do most public school systems. They are given merit increases, and Merluzzo cautions that the salary estimates in the budget book are just estimates, and not promises that the funds will be spent as indicated.

Teachers are under a three-year contract with no adjustment for this year. Next year there will be a 7 percent raise, which has caused Supt. Ron Fitzgerald to warn of a large budget increase next year because of salaries. For the third year, Merluzzo says the school committee and teachers will negotiate in view of the cost of living increase.

Another difference between Minuteman and most area school systems is that some of

its departments earn money with such activities as the restaurant, student store and garage. Revenue earned by the student projects pays for more materials for their departments and is applied against budgets to help reduce assessments for local towns.

One problem which Minuteman shares with the member town school committees is the uncertainty of state aid. Merluzzo says the state has cut its aid to the school drastically. He plans to send a letter to legislators in the district asking them to be responsive to the school's needs and to support what the school aid laws allocate.

Merluzzo says that the school not only does not get the state money which the law says it should, it does not get the funds which the State Dept. of Education tells it to expect, and sometimes the funds are spread out. For instance, some 1975 funds arrived this year, he said. In the case of transportation, the school gets 47 percent of the state aid it is entitled to for transportation.

Minuteman also receives funds under state laws for vocational education, construction, school lunches, special education and regional aid. Because it is not known how much state money the school will receive, Merluzzo says that Fitzgerald has taken a middle of the road approach in estimating funds to be received on the Cherry Sheet.

Merluzzo says cash flow problems can be created by these uncertainties about the amount of state aid and when it will come. One innovation at Minuteman this year is the start of quarterly financial reports which show how much money was spent, how much committed and how much is needed for the

rest of the year. This way the school committee and administration always have a handle on cash flow.

The primary budget increases projected for next year are for equipment. The school has launched a three-year capital outlay program to gradually upgrade equipment in order to keep the shops modern.

The increases include a new building trades program in decorating, funded at \$8900; \$22,000 for computer center equipment; \$5595 for auto mechanics equipment; \$13,419 for sheet metal equipment; and acquisitions in other departments such as photography, welding, auto body, public safety, plastics packaging and air conditioning repair. The increase in this operating part of the budget is \$156,000.

Program On Poetry For Grades 2-8 On 14th At Robbins

Children who think poetry is boring, as well as those who already know how good it can be, are invited to a special poetry program, "Moon Cleaning and Other Story Poems," in the Junior Library of the main Robbins Library on Jan. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Skip Weinstock, a published poet as well as a teaching assistant at Tufts, has designed a program about poetry which is educational as well as entertaining. In order to demonstrate the relationship between words and music, he uses his own poems, music and slides.

Weinstock has been writing poetry since he was 10 years old, and has delighted many children with his delightful and whimsical verses. The program is recommended for children in grades 2-8, but is open to all school-aged children.



The stone wall serves just as well as a fancy seat for young skaters lacing up at Hills Pond, Menotomy Rocks Park. Signs designate the hockey and skating areas on the ice.

(Advocate Staff Photo)

Handy

Paper Recycling

Take your paper for the Paper Parks Program to the dumpster at Town Yard any time any day. Proceeds from the recycled paper will help buy playground equipment.

Saturday Programs For Children Are Planned By Library

Children's Saturday morning programs at the Robbins Library for the month of January will begin this week with a filmstrip program. On Jan. 14 there will be a special program of poetry called, "Moon Cleaning and Other Story Poems," presented by Skip Weinstock.

Weinstock, a poet and teaching assistant at Tufts University, has put together an original program to bring enjoyment of poetry to children through understanding. He uses an animated film, music, slides and his own poems to show children how much fun poetry can be.

The movie "A Mouse on the Mayflower," will be shown on Jan. 21, and the final Saturday will bring a story hour.

All of these programs are free and open to all schoolaged children. Programs begin at 10:30 a.m., and are from one hour to one half-hour in length.

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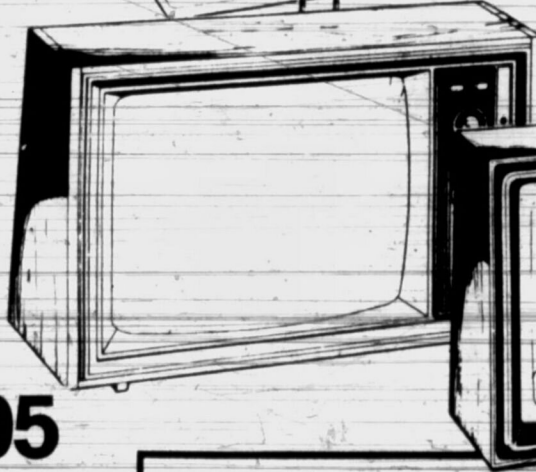
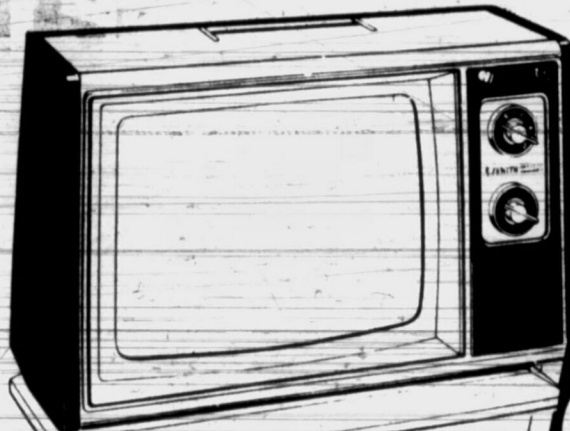
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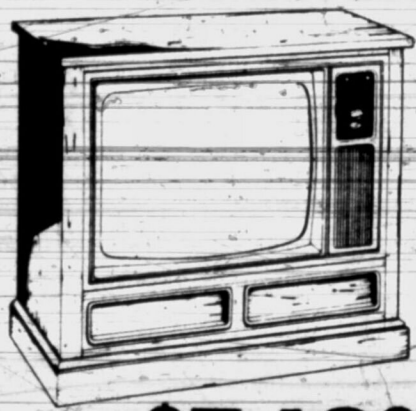
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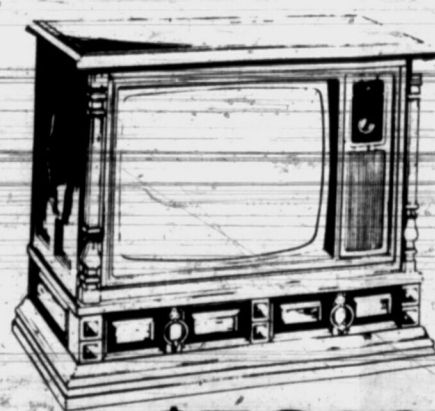
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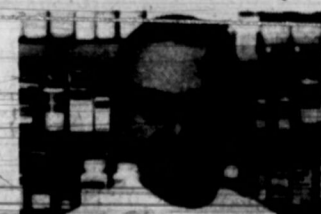
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Car Thefts Up Over Holidays

The cold weather and holidays saw a rash of car stealing in Arlington during the past week, as well as a joy ride on an MBTA bus. There were fewer reports of housebreaks, but police were busy with calls about hit and run accidents.

Police Director John Carroll warns residents that leaving cars running to warm them up may be making it easier for some cars to be stolen. The rash of hit and run accidents which caused property damage he attributes to narrow streets, which are sometimes slippery, and the increased drinking done around the holidays.

Cars were stolen the 27th from Ryder street and Mass. and Winter, and a Cambridge car was recovered here. A 19-year-old was taken into protective custody for drinking and a Revere man was charged with operating under, speeding and improperly turning.

The following day cars were taken from Gray, Forest, Mt. Vernon, Colonial Village and Broadway. This was an unusually high number of car thefts in one day, since only 20 were taken in the whole month of December. Three of the cars were recovered in Arlington and one was in Watertown. A car from Reading was found at Viking Court.

On Fraser road a car was taken and returned during the night. The owner reported that the ignition was damaged, and tools, skates and items were missing from the car.

Car roofs were damaged on Hamilton road. A \$590 snow blower was taken from a garage on Indian Hill road.

Two boys, age 15 and 16, were arrested the 29th and charged with being delinquent children to wit: larceny. They took a handbag from the laundromat at Mass. and Forest. Also arrested that day were a resident charged with operating under and a Somerset man charged with three counts of auto law violations.

Five car roofs were damaged at 276 and

287 Mass. ave. A hundred dollars was taken from a house on Thorndike street entered through a cellar window.

Eight charges were filed against an Arlington 15-year-old after a BB gun incident last Friday evening. Police are investigating and may charge others in connection with the incident.

According to police BB pellets were fired from a house on Mass. avenue at several cars. The rear window of a taxi was struck.

The juvenile was charged with four counts of assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, two counts of malicious damage to property, with unlawful possession of a BB gun and with unlawful discharge of a BB gun.

State and local by-laws prohibit firing of guns in the town. The youth who was charged did have a firearms identification card.

At 2 a.m. the 31st police found a motorist at Mass. and Drake who had been assaulted. He was taken to Symmes Hospital for treatment. The Medfield man said he had been in a fight with occupants of a dark station wagon. He reported his wallet missing after the incident.

New Year's Eve was celebrated by three teens from Revere and Jamaica Plain who boarded an MBTA bus at the Heights station and drove it down the avenue.

Police quickly spotted the bus, which had no other passengers, and stopped it at Boulevard road.

Tires on five cars in the Magnolia street area were slashed.

On New Year's Day police took two residents of Arlington and Winchester into protective custody. An Arlington car was torched in Cambridge. Two windows at Stratton School were broken and a BB was shot through a window on Wright street.

Four tires were slashed on Richfield road, a bike was taken from a garage on Wyman street and a car roof at 276 Mass. ave. was reported damaged.

A Stoneham man may face charges of

leaving the scene of an accident on Monday at Park avenue and Paul Revere road. Police are investigating the accident in which a car hit a street sign, precinct board, and bushes. The driver left and reported the accident later by phone.

Fidelity Plans Programs For Young And Old

Fidelity House Winter Programs have begun. Included in these activities are ceramic classes for children, adults and senior citizens, arts and crafts for children, fitness for women, gym for pre-schoolers, gymnastics for children and boxing for adults and children.

There are still spaces available in all of these courses at the following times:

Ceramics, Tuesday, Senior Citizens—12-2. Grades 1-4 3-4. Grades 5-6 4:30-5:30. Thursday, Grades 1-4, 3-4. Grades 5-6, 4:30-5:30. Adults—7-9. Saturday, Grades 1-4, 10-11. Grades 5-6, 11:30-12:30.

Arts and Crafts, Wednesday, Grades 1-4. 2:30-4. Grades 5-6 4:30-5:30. Friday, Grades 1-4. 2:30-4. Grades 5-6, 4:30-5:30. Saturday, Grades 5-8, 1-2:30. Grades 1-4, 3-4:30.

Women's Fitness, Wednesday and Friday from 9-10:30 a.m.

Pre-school Gym, Wednesday and Friday from 9-10 a.m.

Boxing, Wednesday from 6:30-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9-11 a.m.

Gymnastics, Beginners, Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 3-4 p.m. Intermediate, Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 4-5 p.m. Advanced, Tuesday from 3-5 p.m. Friday from 6-8 p.m. Beginners Under 8—Saturday from 12-2 or 2-3 p.m.

More information about fees and registration may be obtained by calling Fidelity House or by stopping by at 25 Medford street any day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

3-5 Inches Fall

New Town Yard Facilities Speed Up Snow Removal

Arlington Public Works equipment and personnel were out from 9:30 p.m. Sunday through 4 p.m. Monday, sanding and plowing a powdery snow which ranged in depth from three inches in East Arlington to five inches in the Arlington Heights area.

Director of Public Works Ray Ouellette said that the new construction at the renovated Town Yard is already helping in the battle against the elements.

Ouellette said that Public Works personnel are able to move the equipment onto the streets faster during the cold weather than was previously the case because it is now located in the new garages and is easier to start than was the case when stored outside in the cold.

The Director also noted that the office where the battle against snow and ice is directed is still fully operational at the Town Yard, even though reconstruction and renovation is going on.

Plow blades are being placed on payloaders and equipment used for sanding so that they will be ready in the event of a storm.

Five cars were ordered towed so that plowing equipment could get into streets and make them passable. Three of the towings were in the Woodbury and Dundee rd. area, another on Lancaster rd. and a fifth on Lanark rd.

Ouellette suggested that residents keep their cars off the private streets so that town equipment can get into the roadways and plow. He also suggested that those owning cars with no parking facilities make

arrangements to have their cars off the streets during storms.

Five sanding crews and a payloador were out between 9 and 9:30 p.m. on Sunday night when the storm first started. Plowing started at midnight with 30 pieces of town-owned equipment in operation, along with four big payloadors, contracted by the town.

After 1 p.m. on Monday Ouellette ordered out equipment with smaller eight-foot plow blades to get through the smaller narrow streets in East Arlington. Earlier 12-foot blades had been used.

College Mailing

Catalogue On Adult Courses

A green and white spring catalogue of the Division of Continuing Education at Middlesex Community College is being sent to every home in 41 surrounding towns. This is a new way that the college is using to reach out to more adults in the community.

The catalogue is new in form, in size, in shape. It tells of the new courses and programs at Middlesex this spring semester, with sections devoted to the new and expanded community service offerings.

The catalogue will also include the titles of the additional courses offered at instruction centers located in Arlington, Acton, Dracut, Hantscom Field, John F. Kennedy School of Religion, Minuteman Vocational Technical High School, Wilmington, and Woburn.

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Comment

A Page of Personal Opinion for Public Reflection.

The Arlington Advocate, Thursday, January 5, 1978

Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor on any subject or interest to Arlington residents are welcome. They should be typed and not exceed 250 words. All letters must be signed with name and address, but the name will be withheld on request. Letters should be in by 4 p.m. Monday.

Red Line '78

TO THE EDITOR:

For our good townspeople 1978 begins with a new ball game about our transit fears and hopes. After almost three years of laborious studies, state and federal authorities had approved two voluminous documents last October, the Environmental Impact Statement and Capital Grant Application for the Red Line subway.

In no time, word from the Urban Mass Transportation Administrator reached the "T"'s chairman Bob Kiley that "we are requesting that further studies be done on the segment from Alewife to Arlington Heights... (of lower cost alternatives)". Our hopes, fears, worries and excitement of 1974, '75 and '76 erased with one stroke of the pen.

What do we want 1978 to bring us in matters transportation? A new "re-study" for certain, during a couple of years for either light-rail vehicles or express buses out to somewhere at Route 128. Furthermore the dreaded end-of-the-line at Alewife Brook which will spill over economic, social, environmental upheaval into the main and side streets of our town, if we do not watch out.

That our informal letter by Administrator Dick Page does not go with a single word into what is to replace the obviously by now obsolete EIS and CGA. Do the transportation authorities try to let the empty shells of these voided documents stand and muddle through?

The opportunity to express our concern and ask pertinent questions will be upon us in no time; just five days after you read this, the Alewife Task Force meets at 54 Ridge Avenue Extension, off Alewife Parkway, at 7 p.m. The Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation has announced his intention to unveil his brand new highway scheme for Route 2 and the parkways that night.

It's an open meeting and we may even hear some selectmen and city counselors remind the officials that three years ago Cambridge, Somerville and Arlington had stated that they did not want under any circumstances a Red Line terminus within their borders.

The New Year starts out at full speed. Happy 1978 to all fellow Arlingtonians.

Sincerely,
Herbert M. Meyer

Rink Tours

TO THE EDITOR:

As Arlington residents you are probably aware of that the Town of Arlington has assumed control of the Veterans' Memorial Rink on Summer street.

As part of our service to the town we will arrange tours of the rink to show children how the ice is made and the general operation of the skating rink. We are sure most children will be amazed to learn that we have less than an inch of ice on the surface of the rink. The Zamboni Machine has always fascinated youngsters.

Tours can be arranged any morning or early afternoon for classes or groups numbering under 30 by contacting the rink manager, Norman Reid at 643-4800. Children must be supervised and are welcome to skate during the morning session 10 to 11:30 before or after their tour.

This can be a real fun thing for children who can also gain knowledge.

Norman Reid

Candidate Coverage

TO THE EDITOR:

This reader is extremely unhappy with your recent large story on Selectman Robert O'Neill in which the newspaper attempted to "go behind the scenes" to ask what a newly appointed Selectman thought of his role.

I am not unhappy with the concept, actually it is good journalism and a good change of pace from your abundance of sports, snow removal updates and School Committee budgets. What is wrong, and in my opinion, inconceivable, is that the editor chose to run this story when Mr. O'Neill is already an announced candidate for election in the March election. He's taken out his papers and officially declared himself. And we all know how every bit of publicity—especially in the town's only newspaper can help out.

What is further aggravating is that for the nine years I have been reading The Advocate, I have been continually reminded by the editor that fairness is the key to politicians. Only so many news releases are allowed, only certain types of announcements will be printed. No one will be given an unfair advantage over those who may be seeking office but who lack the name of local significance.

Can this possibly be true when you interview an announced candidate several weeks before the town election under the guise of a feature story? Is it fair to Harold Seward, who has also taken out papers for the same seat, or to any other Arlingtonian who may be considering a run for the two-year term of office?

I think the answer is all too clear. There's a double standard at The Advocate, and the editor should admit it and apologize to its readers, if not for any other reason, because of the one phrase with which he has built a fairly good newspaper, fairness.

This letter should not be taken as an attack on Mr. O'Neill, on his qualifications, or goals, or family life, or employment background, all of which were detailed in your article. The voters alone will decide whether he should be elected as one of our five chief executives.

But it is an attack on a system whereby incumbents are favored over neophytes, and somehow one must ask himself if that's what local government is all about.

Sincerely,
Peter K. Webster
Lake Street

EDITOR'S NOTE: Any editor's judgment is open to question at any time, and your letter raised some good points. As the note preceding the article said, the interview took place before Mr. O'Neill took out papers for election. Mr. Seward, Mr. O'Neill and any one else who decides to be a candidate in the spring will have the same opportunity we extend every year to place three free news releases or letters in the paper to help make themselves known to residents.

We thought that since Mr. O'Neill was serving on the board and had not gone through that process that people might like to know more about him. We wanted the interview to appear before the start of the new year, but we did not know he would take out papers in December.

A Tribute

TO THE EDITOR:

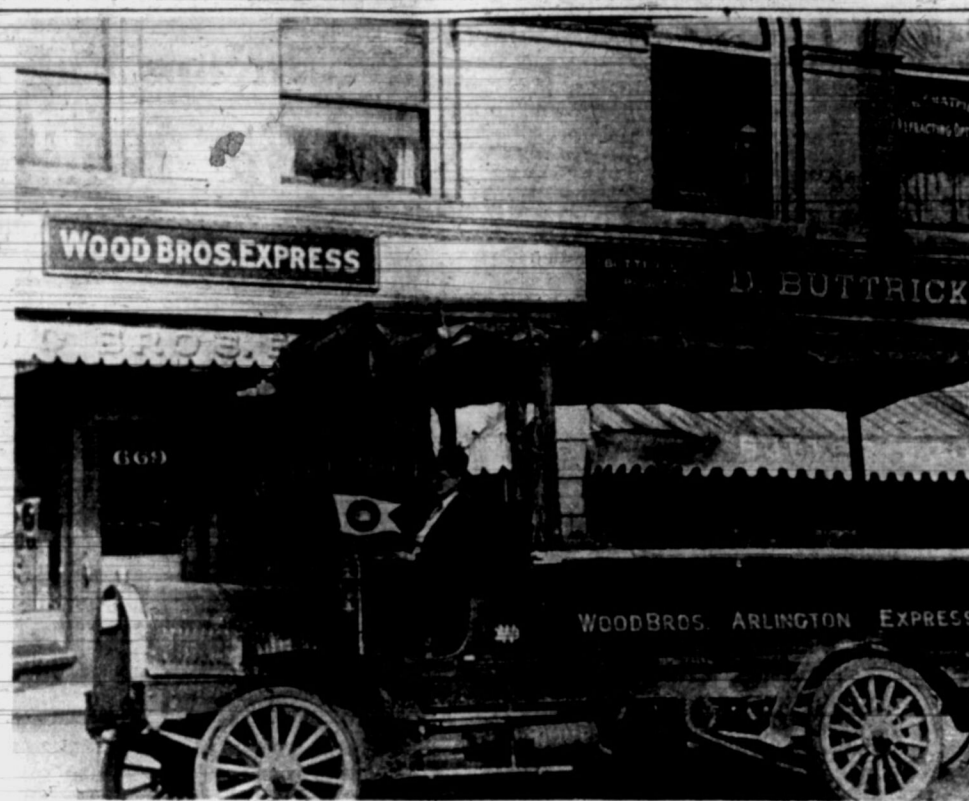
This letter is from someone who did not know Donna Fitzgerald very well, but went to school with her for 12 years. Donna was a beautiful person and why God found reason to take her so early, only He knows.

I am sorry for her family and friends, as Donna was loved by all. I'm sure she will never be forgotten in any way.

I am sure that I speak, not only for those of you who knew Donna well, but also for those of you like me, when I say that she will be missed.

May she rest in peace.

A Friend



Mass avenue of old.

Collins' Corner

by Leonard Collins

When A Parade Was A Parade

A few weeks ago it was mentioned in this column that at recess the students of Arlington High came down the walk between the Library and the Town Hall to Buttricks to purchase six crackers filled with peanut butter for 5 cents. A reader drops a line saying that the name of store was incorrect, so here is the photographic proof that the information was correct.

Sometimes it is difficult to show proof about certain statements, but here it is on this page. The store is now the home of Belden and Snow. That 1910 model small truck standing in front of Wood Bros. Express Co. would be quite a sight if it wheeled down the avenue today. One of the features was that there was no way to receive a flat tire, and one wonders what the poor driver up front did on a rainy or snowy day with no windshield.

The thought occurs, if we could ever reproduce the parade in town commemorating the 100th anniversary of Arlington it really could be an unusual sight, because in that parade only two automobiles took part, and one was from the Edison Electric Illuminating Co., and that was driven by electricity.

But we had wagons galore, each representing some industry or business in the town. Very few did not participate. There are just a few of those in the line of march, and a few Tally-ho's. A float advertising groceries and provisions representing The Hightstreet Purveyors. A two wagon and three horse hitch also advertising groceries. Then two floats and a double team showing the wares of three other meat and produce firms.

A florist with a flower float, and a tally-ho-dry and fancy goods. Arlington News boys and push carts delivering Boston papers, four express companies with their wagons, and one showing a line of hardware and paints, another with stoves and hardware, and two men hanging wall paper. And English dray courtesy of the local druggist, and two wagons and one float with a sign, "Arlington's Fish Market."

In between each division they had a marching band, and in another division showed a float and wagons, and men at work in a carriage manufacturing shop. Two floats advertising the American Chrome Works, and another carrying various types of piano cases. Along came wagons of the ice co., the rope walk with machines showing the manufacture of hemp and twine, and two hacks and two wagons from the local livery stable, and a float with a horse and blacksmiths complete with anvils and bellows showing a local horse-shoeing establishment.

The Moxie Co. passed out free drinks, and from another livery stable came a tally-ho, carriages, hacks, and a pony cart with a teddy bear. Wagons representing fish and oysters, milk, and a firm called the Arlington Hand Laundry. And finally came the local farmers. One showed a scene of a washroom with 15 Italian women sorting and packing vegetables for market. Another showed a greenhouse and cucumbers growing with the help at work, loading vegetables for the trip to Boston, with six outriders in uniform dress on horse back.

There were eight different farms in line all advertising their fresh vegetables. Then came nine wagons loaded with coal, wood, hay and grain. Now this parade started at Park avenue in Arlington Heights, and came down Mass. avenue to Tufts street, over to Broadway to Warren up Medford street and disbanded on Chestnut. It took over one hour to pass a given point, and thousands came from other communities to view a very interesting gathering of folks who really took great interest in our town.

It's a safe bet if we could turn the clock back and show it to those who were not around at that time, they would enjoy these very interesting scenes. Or maybe not, because without TV, radio, or automobiles, they might ask, "Goodness, what on earth did you folks do for excitement?" Well, in those days you could almost figure on a public dance at least once a week in the Town Hall with the top bands, plus many amateur shows, and many church reunions. As the fellow in Duffy's Tavern would say, "It's where folks come to meet and eat, and in Arlington they came to enjoy, meet, eat and dance, and it wasn't a bad life Atall-Atall."



That Man About Town

By Mat

Thanks to a lot of hard work on the part of the book committee, and support by residents, the 1875-1975 town history book was a sell out by Christmas. Anyone who put off getting a copy is out of luck now, because the copies are gone.

We praised the Arlington School Committee and administration last week for not only turning in a budget with a small increase, but for having its budget in December for the first time in history — although that is when the budget has always been due. Minuteman Tech School Committee chairman Rico Merluzzo of Arlington called to point out that Minuteman budget was ready in December also. A hearing on that budget will be held Tuesday at 7:30 in the school library.

The bill filed by Town Treasurer John Blaffer which would allow communities to keep what they earn by investing funds borrowed for school construction was signed by Gov. Dukakis to go into effect immediately.

We read in our sister paper in Winchester that Carmen Elio, chairman of the state retirement law commission, a resident of Winchester, told the Selectmen over there that they better take advantage of a new law and start appropriating money each year to fund their pension program. Until the new law passed, communities were told by the state each year how much money to come up with to fund that year's pension costs. What many communities may not realize, is that Arlington deserves the thanks for the new law. It was filed by our officials who felt that the yearly pension appropriation was getting to be too much of a drain when a self-supporting program could be developed if appropriations for it started now.

Rep. Eleanor Campobasso has been named to a new legislative commission to study the impact of state-mandated programs on local property taxes by House Speaker Thomas McGee. The special commission is charged with studying the effect of state mandated programs on local property taxes and is to consider, among other things: an inventory of local expenditures currently mandated by law or regulation; state reimbursement formulas for mandated programs; the financial impact on the state of mandated programs; the impact on local property taxes; the possible changes in the constitution, general laws or joint rules of the General Court which might be desirable to implement the findings of the commission.

The commission is supposed to report next December. Rep. Campobasso says a goal of the commission will be to develop a plan that would reduce the impact of the state-mandated programs and bring relief to taxpayers. She notes that Massachusetts taxpayers pay the highest taxes in the country and that municipal leaders complain that local aid accounts are underfunded. Other factors which have a bearing on the tax rate include inflation, personnel costs, and new programs and services mandated by federal and state governments.

Sen. Sam Rotondi is chairman of a conference committee dealing with property tax exemptions for the elderly which was formed because of a difference between the House and Senate versions of legislation. Committee members agreed to a version which would obligate the state to appropriate \$6 million to increase by \$150 abatements to the elderly. Abatements had been \$350. Rotondi says that if there is a state budget surplus which is distributed to communities, he feels some of it should go to help elderly homeowners.

Sen. Rotondi is prime sponsor of a bill filed by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights which concerns treatment of mental patients. The bill calls for qualified medical doctors to examine mental patients on admission to state institution, examine them while they are hospitalized, and develop a standard of medical care for mental patients. The commission feels that many mental patients could be released if they were receiving proper medical attention and diagnosis and if use of drugs was more careful.

State House News

Real Estate Brokers: The House defeated 152-52 a bill requiring a written disclosure statement by real estate brokers and salesmen when selling residential real estate. The statement would have informed the buyer that the broker represents the seller, not the buyer, and that the buyer should consider hiring a lawyer. Rep. Campobasso voted for the bill, Cusack voted present and Pickett did not vote. **Appeals Board:** The House defeated 127-103 a bill providing that failure to act on a petition or permit by a planning or appeals board shall not be deemed as approval. Campobasso and Pickett voted to end automatic approval, Cusack opposed it. **Cardiopulmonary:** The House gave final approval 210-5 to a measure requiring training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation to be offered to students in public school health classes if a majority of the local school committee approves it. Campobasso and Cusack voted yes, Pickett did not vote.

Car Insurance Rates: The House gave final approval 179-45 to a measure rolling back 1978 car insurance rates to the level of Jan. 1, 1976 rates, pending the Insurance Commissioner's report on new rates. Campobasso and Cusack voted yes, Pickett did not vote. **Pay Hike:** The House defeated 135-77 an amendment to strike pay increases for the chairman and members of the Industrial Accident Board, from \$24,426 to \$30,168 for the 11 members. Campobasso voted against the raise. Cusack supported the raises. Pickett did not vote. **Minimum Wage:** The House gave final approval 183-6 to a measure increasing the minimum wage to \$2.65 an hour in 1978, \$2.90 in 1979, and \$3.10 in 1980 and \$3.35 in 1981. Campobasso and Cusack voted for the new wages, Pickett did not vote.

After 750 roll calls for the year, Campobasso has 96 percent attendance; Cusack 97 percent; Pickett 79 percent.

BB Guns: The Senate rejected 23-1 a version of a bill regulating the sale of air, pellet and BB guns which would have exempted rifles of more than 16 inch barrel. Sen. Rotondi voted against the measure. **On-Premises Signs:** The Senate rejected 23-8 a measure allowing some changes including painting, relettering and repairing of existing on-premise signs without special approval. Rotondi voted against the bill. **Massport Tax:** The Senate concurred 21-7 with the House and passed a measure levying a 5 percent tax against Massport's gross receipts with 4.7 percent going to Boston and .3 percent to Chelsea. Rotondi opposed the tax.

Pay Hikes: The Senate approved 24-7 pay raises for the Commission of the Blind and the members of the Industrial Accident Board. Rotondi voted for the raises. **Teacher Residency:** The Senate defeated 28-1 an amendment to a bill which prohibits school committees from forcing residency requirements on teachers. The amendment would have made the law local option. Rotondi voted against the amendment. **Prisons:** The Senate defeated 29-4 a capital outlay budget amendment which would have eliminated \$5.3 million for prison expansion at Bridgewater and Gardner Correctional Facilities. Rotondi voted for the expansion.

After 154 roll calls Sen. Rotondi's attendance is 100 percent. The two houses sat in Constitutional Convention last week to vote on constitutional amendments. **Busing:** Approved 173-90 an amendment prohibiting forced busing of school children. Campobasso, Cusack and Pickett voted against forced busing. Rotondi supported it. **Property Tax:** The convention approved 243-20 an amendment allowing communities to opt for several definitions of value and authorizing classification of property according to its use for taxation purposes. The four legislators supported the amendment. **Governor's Council:** The convention rejected 158-106 an amendment abolishing the Governor's Council. The move favored by the Governor, Campobasso, Cusack and Pickett voted for the council, Rotondi voted against keeping it.

Ask The Ombudsman

A forum to discuss questions of citizen interest that are received by town government officials, department heads, or the ombudsman line at Town Hall. Questions may be called to 646-1775.

Q. Can the tennis courts throughout town be flooded for skating this winter?

A. The four courts up at Robbins Farm in the Heights have already been flooded but this is probably the last winter they will be available for skating. All the other public courts in town have been resurfaced with a special paint which now renders them unsuitable for flooding.

Hills Pond in Menotomy Rocks Park is now open for public skating when ice conditions are determined safe. When the "No Skating" sign is posted, heed the warning! This means that the ice is less than six inches thick and dangerous for skaters. The pond is lighted 4-10 p.m. daily for nighttime skating enthusiasts.

According to Mr. Gilpatrick, foreman of the Park Commission, the best outdoor skating is from Dec. 15-Jan. 15. As February approaches, we usually see heavier snowfalls which tend to ruin good skating conditions if the snow is not removed promptly. Arlington's Park Commission will clear Hills Pond every day except Sunday. Do not attempt to shovel the snow off yourself. Unknowningly, you will be doing more harm than good. The snow which you clear off to one side may be enough to create sufficient heat which will melt the ice underneath. This is a potential hazard for everyone.

Spy Pond comes under the jurisdiction of Metropolitan District Commission because it is their property. If you have questions about skating there, you should call the MDC directly.

If you still yearn to skate and the conditions are horrible, don't forget the Arlington Sports Center up on Summer Street. There, the skating's great all the time.

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Letters To The Editor

Who Gets Help?

TO THE EDITOR:

I am fed up. Does a family really have to be non-working and heavily loaded with bills to get some kind of help as far as welfare is concerned?

Example 1: Family of eight pays bills regularly, buys groceries and has nothing left over. We pay, all dental. Health insurance covers 60 percent. We either wear rags or somebody else's hand me downs because there is no money for extras.

Christmas, a joyous occasion for a child who opens one or two gifts? Yes. Thank goodness for Globe Santa, but if you are 15 Globe Santa can't help you. Furniture so bad you can't sit or lay on it. Even if a couple kids are on AFDC and you are re-married with other kids you are not eligible. No food stamps, no Medicaid.

Example 2: Family of five, husband works, take home \$200 weekly. They aren't making it (same as family number 1, only number one takes home \$170). So Mom goes to welfare and lies Dad left us. Result: total aid from welfare including Medicaid (medical, surgical, and dental) for all, food stamps, for less than \$20 cash family gets \$125 worth of food stamps.

Now a family of four gets \$295.70 a month from welfare plus \$99.30 four times yearly in special grants and if their house bills become overpowering once a year welfare will clean them up. (It is a family of four because Dad is not supposed to be living at home.)

So what does one do? Make believe your husband left, and, honey, you have it made. I am not knocking welfare. Gods knows there are many people on it who really need it. Then again, there are those who abuse it to the hilt.

The reason I am so upset is in October I called Welfare and asked to be put on a special Christmas list. I was refused as my

husband holds a full time job. Family number 2, not counting Medicaid and food stamps, clears over \$1200 a month. They applied to Globe Santa and received from Globe Santa a huge box. Then to put the icing on the cake, Welfare notified one of our very prestige churches and a large box arrived with toys, winter jackets and other clothing all brand new.

Am I jealous? You bet I am. I have to watch my kids open one or two things on Christmas and try to explain why.

Really now, who is needy and who is committing downright fraud?

This is only one example. Personally I know of many people who need welfare and I know of many people who steal the taxpayers blind through welfare.

Sincerely,
A sad person

Home Tribute

TO THE EDITOR:

The Wellington Manor Nursing Home would like to extend its sincere appreciation from all of the patients and the staff to the many children of various schools and organizations, and all others who helped to make the holiday season such an enjoyable one for us.

Your time spent here and your lovely gifts, ornaments, etc. will be treasured by all.

Thank you, and a very Happy New Year.
Steven H. Byrne
Administrator

PRO Life Dance

TO THE EDITOR:

Incredibly another year has faded into memory, making it five years since the Supreme Court ruled that abortion-on-demand is legal.

Our fifth annual Pro-Life fundraising dance is planned for Saturday evening, Jan. 28 from 8 to midnight. Again Jerry Davis will be our very genial host and his orchestra will be providing the music.

Tickets are on sale now. Anyone who has attended one of our dances in the past can attest to the entertainment value received. In other words, if you want an inexpensive, fun-filled evening get your tickets now. Don't be shut out.

Look for our red rose Pro-Life symbol posters regarding the dance. They will be in merchants' windows all along Mass. avenue. Names to contact for tickets may be found at the bottom of these posters, or contact me.

Have a happy healthy holy new year, everyone. See you at the dance.

Most Sincerely,
Irene R. Hegan
20 Pelham terr.

Gas prices

TO THE EDITOR:

A glaring error occurred on the front page of the Boston Herald American on Thanksgiving Day under the subject of natural gas prices. This error was reported via letter to the Managing Editor with a copy going also to J.F. Connors, Vice President for Public Affairs of Boston Gas Co. Since receiving my letter dated Nov. 28th both have kept as silent as the proverbial mouse on the night before Christmas. The letter with a few deletions was as follows:

The third paragraph on your front page falsely states "Domestic gas in Greater Boston is presently priced at about \$2 per (MCF) 1000 cubic feet." A truly reliable and much more accurate statement would read "... is presently priced about \$4 per MCF." That is only an approximately 100 percent error on your part, starting with the false \$2 figure. Nobody in the Greater Boston area buys pipeline natural gas at an average cost per MCF below \$3 in this year 1977. In most cases the average will be nearer \$4 than \$3. The only way true costs per MCF can be ascertained is by dividing the bill rendered at two months intervals by the MCF consumed.

Although Congress has never deregulated interstate natural gas prices to distributing companies, our own Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities has solitarily and independently accomplished that feat by stupidly granting gas utilities a so-called "Price Adjustment"

(equivalent to a customer-signed blank check allowing the vendor to name his own fee) which the consumer cannot verify as reasonable or legitimate on any basis of investigation.

In short, the consumer is totally at the mercy of the Mass. gas companies and the latter are doing beautifully on the customer-disastrous "oneway" setup. The electric utilities with their "Fuel Adjustment" charges do not appear to be doing quite so well with their seemingly more restrictive and less exploitable surcharges.

We use Boston Gas fuel to heat our small 5-room bungalow with all rooms on one floor. The last 12 months' use between 10-27-76 and 10-26-77 shows 165.7 MCF or \$584.46 total cost for all uses for an average cost of \$3.53 per MCF. No residential gas customer of Boston or Cambridge companies, whether using gas to heat their homes, or for other purposes only, has experienced an average cost significantly below \$3.50 per MCF over the last 10 to 12 months of 1977. Any figures on customer's average MCF costs are worthless without including the very substantial and unconfirmable "Price Adjustment" charges added to each billing statement.

I sent a letter to B. Gas Co. last winter criticizing their "False and Misleading" bill enclosure statement that colder months the first half of the 1976-1977 heating season were the principle cause of the vastly higher fuel bills. The tabulated data I presented on comparative MCF consumptions and charges rendered positively and unrefutably proved

that the increased rates and much higher "Price Adjustment" fees were 3 to 4 times greater in percentage of increase than the higher Degree-Days experienced over prior seasons.

Ruefully they acknowledged the validity of my analogies via a telephone call from an official (Mr. Broderick, I believe), and he declared that B.G. Co., as a result of my letter, were discontinuing further use of that inaccurate claim about colder weather being the no. 1 cause of higher fuel bills. It simply was not true and they acknowledged it.

The lowest cost per MCF on any single bi-monthly bill to me within the last year was \$3.19, the highest was \$5.05. Thus you will readily perceive that your \$2 figure is truly inaccurate and most misleading. It does not portray reliably 1977 Greater Boston consumer costs on gas fuel per MCF which is very nearly double that incorrect \$2 that you quoted.

Sincerely,
Gerald T. Thompson
95 School st.

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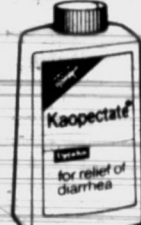
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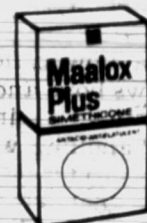
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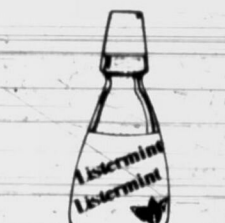
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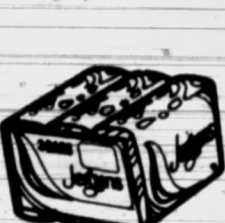
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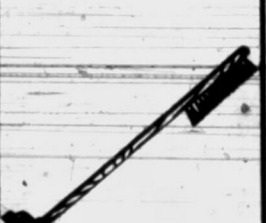
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Jennifer Cristofori Is Bride Of Lloyd Severance

The marriage of Jennifer Cristofori, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.V. Cristofori of Arlington, and Lloyd Severance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Severance of Colton, N.Y., took place Oct. 22 at the First Congregational Church in Winchester. Rev. Walter Davis officiated at the double ring candlelight ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore an empire style organza gown with baby pearls and Chantilly lace. Her cathedral-length veil was attached to a Juliet cap trimmed with Chantilly lace. She carried a bouquet of red roses, baby's breath and English ivy.

Debra Ann Cristofori, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a baby blue knitted jersey halter dress with a royal blue hooded coat. She carried a cascade of blue carnations and baby's breath.

Similarly dressed in mint green dresses

and Kelly green hooded coats were bridesmaids Jacqueline Cristofori of Arlington and Mrs. Candace Auger of PORTSMOUTH, R.I., sisters of the bride. They carried cascades of green carnations and baby's breath.

Gary Severance of Rutland, Vt., brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Glenn Cristofori of Arlington, brother of the bride, and William Matteson of Rutland, Vt. The ring bearer was the bride's nephew, Jason Auger of Portsmouth, R.I. The reception was held at the Stephen James House in Cambridge.

Mrs. Severance is a graduate of Arlington High School and Southeastern Massachusetts University. She is a registered nurse at Rutland Hospital, Rutland, Vt. Her husband graduated from Colton-Pierreport Central School in Colton, N.Y. He is employed by H.W. Augst Fuels in Fairhaven, Vt. The couple lives in Rutland, Vt.

Marie Christine Macone Weds Kevin Francis Ahern In Nahant

Marie Christine Macone and Kevin Francis Ahern, both of Washington, D.C., were married in a double ring ceremony on Nov. 19 in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Nahant, by the Rev. J. Walter Stocklosa.

A reception immediately followed at the Chateau de-Ville in Saugus.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pasquel Macone of Nahant, is a 1972 graduate of Somerville High School, a 1977 graduate of

Northeastern University, Boston. She is an editor in Washington, D.C.

Her husband, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ahern, 7 Berkeley st., is a 1971 graduate of North Cambridge Catholic High School, attended Middlesex Community College and Salem State College and received a drafting certificate from ITT Technical Institute. He is employed as a bank teller.

Mrs. Raymond Harris of Swampscott, the bride's sister, was the matron of honor. The bridegroom's brother, Michael Ahern of Arlington, was the best man.

Bridesmaids were Irene Greenlaw of Nahant, Kathy Larson of Somerville, Paula Nardella of Peabody and Kathy Reagan of Mansfield.

Ushers were the bridegroom's brothers, John, Stephen and Glen Ahern, all of Arlington; the bride's brother, Anthony Macone of Nahant; and Guy Dennet of Marshfield.

Alliance To Hear Of Russian Trip

A luncheon meeting of the Alliance of the Unitarian Universalist Church will be held Monday at 12:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring their own sandwich. Reflections will be given by Lois Fisher. Hostess is Phyllis Spence.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Pierce will speak on "Chasing the Elusive Eclipse." They will describe their trip to Kazakhstan, U.S.S.R. long before that area was chosen to launch the Soviet Cosmonauts.

All women are welcome.

Republican Women Set Annual Meeting

The Arlington Women's Republican Club is making plans for its annual meeting which will be held Jan. 12 at Fantasia Restaurant.

The noon get together will be followed by lunch at 12:30 and election of officers. A program on the Tall Ships will be given.

Reservations must be made by Monday with Marjorie Stewart or Dorothy Knight. President Knight recently honored the board at a luncheon at her home. Attending were Ruby Bond, Frances Humphrey, Drita Eaton, Marjorie Stewart, Marjorie Sennott, Lillian Napolitan, Peggy Nicholl, Marie Tassinari, Lillian Rugg, Bernice Magnus, Jo Anne Frederick, Roberta Dixon and Nancy Libbey.

Dubrovsky Girl

A daughter, Marina Andreyevna, was born Dec. 9 at Emerson Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Andrei Dubrovsky of 63 Lafayette st.



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Francis Ahern

Divorce Workshop

Residents of Arlington are invited to attend a free information workshop on marital separation and divorce at the Divorce Resource and Mediation Center, 2464 Mass. ave., North Cambridge, Rm. 303, Jan. 11 from 8 to 9 p.m.

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Sheila McGoldrick, Russell Goddard Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McGoldrick of Arlington announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheila Mary, to Russell H. Goddard, son of George B. Goddard of Belcherston and Mrs. Helen D. Goddard of Amherst.

Miss McGoldrick is a graduate of Aquinas Junior College. She is a legal secretary in Boston.

Her fiancé graduated from University of Massachusetts in Amherst and is studying for his master's at University of South Florida. A June 17 wedding is planned.

2 Programs Set For Discussion Of Cancer In Women

On Wednesday, at 10 a.m., and again on Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m., at Countryside Bible Chapel, 480 Lowell st., Lexington, an educational program will be given under the auspices of the Women's Fellowship, in cooperation with the American Cancer Society. On Jan. 11, babysitting will be provided.

The guest speaker will be Dorrit Briggs, RN, instructor in cancer nursing at Boston University. A film entitled, "Breast Cancer: Where We Are" will be shown.

Miss Briggs will be available to answer any questions guests may have on breast self-examination. In addition, there will be literature on detection and self-examination, as well as materials on other forms of cancer in women. All women are invited to attend one of these programs.



Michelle Buckley

Michele Buckley, John C. Driscoll To Wed In Fall

Mrs. Daniel J. Buckley of a Woodside in announces the engagement of her daughter, Michelle Q., to John Charles Driscoll Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Driscoll of 75 Richfield rd.

Miss Buckley is a graduate of Arlington Catholic High School and Catherine Laboure School of Nursing. She is studying for her bachelor's degree at St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N.H.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Boston College High School and Bentley College. He is employed by State Street Bank and Trust Co. A September wedding is planned.

Sweet Adelines Invite Women To Guest Night

On Monday evening at 7:45, the Liberty Belle Chapter of Sweet Adelines Inc. from Arlington, will host a special Guest Night at the Pleasant Street Congregational Church. The chorus invites all women, all ages, who enjoy singing to come down and join them for an evening of four part "barbershop" harmony.

On this special Guest Night, there will be several quartets to entertain as well as the Liberty Belle Chorus. Refreshments will be served following rehearsal.

Sweet Adelines, Inc. is an international non-profit organization of women whose purpose is to teach and sing the American folk art of four part harmony, barbershop style, and to encourage, through performances, a universal appreciation of that music. The organization was formed 30 years ago and now has over 650 chapter totalling approximately 29,000 members throughout the world. The motto is "Harmonize the World."

The chorus is available for performances at all types of functions and shows put on by community groups and civic, fraternal and church organizations. The women also perform public service by singing for hospitals, nursing homes and at charity benefits.

Anyone unable to attend the special Guest Night may come to rehearsal on any Monday evening at 7:45 p.m. Guests and prospective members are always welcome.

Local members of the Liberty Belle Chapter are: Rita Alexis, Jacqueline Bates, Eleanor Chalmers, Barbara Keefe, Rose Linskey, Eleanor Mulhern, Margaret Walsh and Phyllis Maddox.

Rotondi Baby Girl

Sen. and Mrs. Samuel Rotondi announce the birth of their third child, Sarah Anne, on Nov. 6. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.I. Vandegrift of Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rotondi of Winchester, for whom this was the 30th grandchild.

Martin Baby Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Martin of Arlington announce the birth of their daughter, Stephanie Jane, Dec. 15, at Mount Auburn Hospital.

Toomey Son

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Toomey of 599 Summer st. became the parents of Matthew Charles on Dec. 11 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. She is their fifth child. Grandparents are Mrs. Catherine M. Bates and Mrs. Mildred Toomey.

Felicani Baby

Amy Nicole was born Dec. 13 at Winchester Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Felicani of 144 Madison ave. She is their third child. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nadeau and Mr. and Mrs. Anteo Felicani, all of Arlington.

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Adult Registration At Minuteman 9th & 11th

Registration nights for Minuteman Tech's Adult Education program have been set for Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the mall area of the school.

More than 50 courses will be offered during the spring semester, including new courses in Horticulture, Yoga, Karate, Fashion

Techniques, a movement exercise class for men and women entitled "3 R's for Adults: Revival, Recycle and Reconstruct" and a modern dance and jazz exercise class for men and women called "Looking Good, Feeling Good."

Courses are also being offered in everything from auto maintenance, auto body, plumbing and electrical wiring to gourmet cooking, conversational French, watercolor painting, sewing and candlemaking. In addition, there are open gym nights and physical fitness evenings for men and women plus swimming and scuba diving classes. Middlesex community college is also offering a variety of credit and non-credit courses four evenings a week at Minuteman Tech.

Most Adult Education classes meet Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 until 10. Some courses meet only one night a week, others meet for only one or two hour sessions. Course tuitions are \$35 for 60-hour courses and proportionately less for courses which meet fewer hours. Classes begin the week of Jan. 23.

Students must be at least 16 to enroll. Residents of the 12 Minuteman district towns (Acton, Arlington, Belmont, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, Sudbury, Stow, Wayland and Weston) have first priority for seats. Brochures are available at public libraries in the district towns or they may be obtained by calling the Minuteman Tech Adult Education office.

Children's Programs At Dallin Library Wednesdays At 2:30

The Dallin Branch Library holds a children's program every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. The first program this month will be a filmstrip followed by a movie program this coming Wednesday. "Peter and the Wolf" and "The Party" will be shown.

On Jan. 18 there will be a story hour for school-age children. On the 25th the movies "Caterpillar," "The Foolish Frog" and "Little Blue and Little Yellow" will be shown. All ages are invited to the after-school programs.

Two pre-school story hours are also planned, on Jan. 19 and Jan. 26 at 10 a.m. All children ages 3, 4 and 5 are invited.

During Christmas Santa Claus made an appearance with gifts and candy canes at a Christmas story hour. He appeared courtesy of Taylor Rental.

Photographs By Terese Garufo To Be Exhibited

The opening exhibition of the new year in the Robbins Library Music and Art Gallery is work by Cambridge photographer Terese Garufo. A native of Boston, Ms. Garufo has been teaching for two years at Arlington High School, where she offers general art courses and specialized courses in creative craft and in advertising art and design.

She has also been teaching art education for the past three years at Lesley College. Prior to these positions she has taught at Mt. Ida Junior College and at the Massachusetts College of Art. The exhibit will run from Jan. 9 to Feb. 15.

Ms. Garufo received a BA degree from New York University and the Master of Science in Art from the Massachusetts College of Art. She has also studied photography at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Her work has been exhibited at the Boston Visual Arts Union, the Brooklyn Museum Gallery, the Berlin N.H. Art Association, the Cleveland Museum Gallery, Duxbury Art Association, Emmanuel College, and the New Hampshire Art Association. It has been published in The North Country Journal and in the catalogue for the Southwest Center of Photography Touring Show.

Ms. Garufo chooses subjects primarily of landscape and still life, which in her photographs become abstract compositions of light. So "I never manipulate a print," she says. "My pictures record, uncropped, what you see through the lens, and I try to reveal in a subject the entire tonal range."



Hills Pond In Menotomy Rocks Park

(Staff Photo by Richard G. Niebuhr)

Registration For Skating Classes Is Next Thursday

Arlington Recreation will hold registration for the third session of skating classes on Jan. 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Sports Center.

Twelve hours of classes have been scheduled to begin afternoons in Mid-February. The dates and times of the classes are as follows:

Mondays, Beginners, 4:10-5:10, Feb. 20 to April 3; Intermediate, 5:20-6:20.

Tuesdays, Beginners, 3-4, Feb. 21 to April 4; Intermediate, 4:10-5:10. Power Skating, 5:20-6:20.

Wednesdays, Beginners, 4:10-5:10, Feb. 22 to April 5. Power Skating, 5:10-6:10.

Thursdays, Hockey Instructional Games, 3-4:30 and 4:40-6:10 Feb. 23 to April 6.

Saturdays, Figure Skating, 11:40-12:40, and 12:50-1:50 Feb. 18 to April 8.

All classes are one hour in length except the Instructional Hockey Games which are 90 minutes. Beginners classes are offered to children in grades 1 and up, all other classes are offered to children in grades 4 and under from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and to children in grades 5 and up from 4:40 to 6:10 p.m. Thursdays.

Baton, Woodworking, Drama Classes For Children Scheduled

Baton twirling, woodworking and drama are being offered in early January. By Arlington Recreation for school age children.

Baton classes on the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels are held on Saturday mornings in the Multi-Purpose Room, Arlington High School. The classes are open to children in grades 3 to 9 and will begin this week.

Woodworking is open to children in grades 4 and up at the Ottoson Jr. High on Tuesdays. Classes will be held from 3 to 4 p.m., beginning this week. The eight-week program will acquaint the children with a number of tools and will be under the supervision of Frank Tassone.

Two drama classes are offered to children in grades 4 and up. Tuesday classes will be held at Ottoson Jr. High with Thursday classes at the Jr. High East. The classes are held from 2:30 to 4:15 p.m. beginning next week.

Town Clerk's Bulletin Board

The Massachusetts Open Meeting Law says that notice of meetings of all boards, including committees, commissions and subcommittees, however elected, appointed or constituted, shall be filed with the Town Clerk and posted at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Jan. 9, 10 a.m., Eastern Middlesex Human Resources Development Authority, Council Chambers, Cambridge City Hall.

Jan. 9, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Town Clerk's office open, Town Hall.

Jan. 9, 7 p.m., Assessors, Town Hall.

Jan. 9, 7:15 p.m., Selectmen, Town Hall.

Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m., Finance Committee, Hearing Room, Town Hall.

Jan. 9, 8 p.m., Redevelopment Board, Town Hall Annex. Hearing on the proposal of Dept. of Public Works, Arlington, to reconstruct Spring street, between Belvedere road and Hillsdale road.

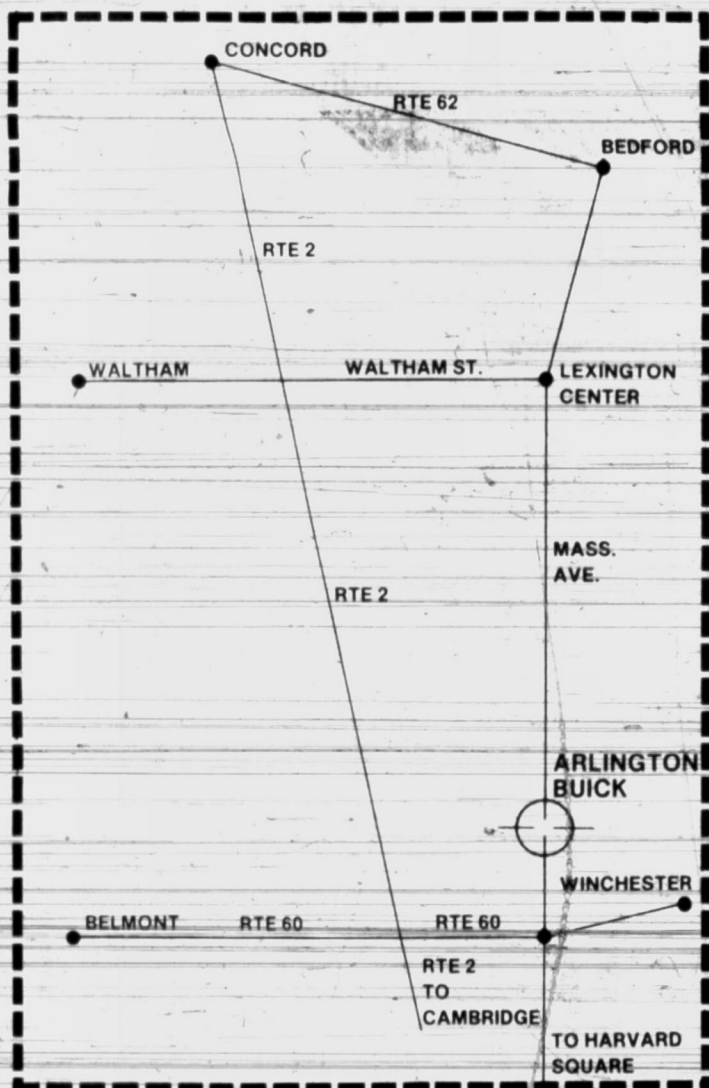
Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m., public hearing on budget for the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District for the Period of July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m., School Committee, Central School.

Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m., Recreation Facilities Committee, Town Hall Annex; sixth-year plan.

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Alcoholism Forum

The Boston Council on Alcoholism will sponsor the Boston Forum On Alcoholism Jan. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Howard Johnson's Hotel. Lunch will be served at the "57" Restaurant, 200 Stuart st., Boston.

Morris Chafetz, M.D., director of the Health Education Foundation, Washington, D.C., formerly director of the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, will speak on "Alcohol and Health: A Challenge to Our Society."

Following lunch, Vernon E. Johnson, D.D., director of the Johnson Institute, Minneapolis, will speak about "Alcoholism and Those Who Suffer with the Alcoholic." Questions will follow each speaker.

Tickets for the Forum are available by contacting the Boston Council on Alcoholism, 250 Boylston st., Boston 02116.

12 Teams Play

Elem. Boys' Ball Games Start

Arlington Recreation's and the School Department's elementary school basketball program got off to a great start over the Christmas vacation with some close ball games. The vacation was also highlighted by a clinic put on by the Arlington High School Varsity Boys' Basketball team and coach John Cody. All 12 teams played two games.

In the Eastern Division the Thompson Bullets got off on the right foot as they nipped the Crosby Royals 24-22 and the Cutter Lakers 24-18. Paul Buckley, Dennis O'Keefe, John Valminuto and Mike Malone paced the Thompson attack. In the Crosby game Paul Viola, Gary Cadagan and John Demerjian played well.

The Bishop Bulls also got off fast beating Cutter 29-25 and Hardy 33-31. John Driscoll had 21 points in the two wins while Jack Carroll added 17 and Joe Winstanley 12. In the Cutter game Billy Duserick, Joe Fiorenza and Billy Roper played well.

The Parmenter Hawks also have a 2-0 record after two games beating Crosby 18-10 and Hardy 34-27. Barry Faulkner, Joe Hallice and Peter Nadeau led a well balanced Hawk attack in the two victories. In the Hardy game Dave Twohig, Chris Jones and Steve

Rubenskas played excellent basketball.

In the Western Division the St. James Rockets and Locke Warriors have perfect records while the Stratton Celtics and Brackett Bucks are 1-1. St. James beat the Peirce Knicks 21-11 and the Dallin Pistons 27-13 behind the scoring of Jim Laurendeau and Chris Bannon. In the Dallin game Mike Broderick and Jim Mahoney played well.

The Warriors beat Stratton 26-21 and held off a late Knick rally to beat Peirce 28-27. Locke had balanced scoring in both wins from Steve Sullivan, Jim Danahey, Ted Pacheco and Chris Vasilopoulos. The Knick comeback was led by Carl Buck, Mike Campanale and Patrick O'Halloran.

The Stratton Celtics and Brackett Bucks had a good game last Saturday with Stratton winning 31-22. Pat Crowley and Bill Sarno accounted for 23 points between them while John Rigazio had twelve points for Brackett and Kyle Bowens added 8. The Bucks had posted an earlier win beating Dallin 32-20.

Sports Notes

The US Hockey team from this area, including several Arlington residents, won two of their first three games against German teams.

The games open a seven-game series with German teams in and around the Munich area. The victories were recorded by 13-6 and 6-2 counts, following an opening game loss.

The American players are living at the U.S. Armed Forces Station in the Bavarian Alps at Berchtesgaden, the World War II retreat of Adolph Hitler.

Many of the U.S. soldiers stationed at the base attended the games played by the American team. One of the players, Klaus Walzel of Arlington, a native of Munich, arranged the team's schedule while on a visit with his parents who live in Munich.

The Arlington High School track team, coached by Jim Kelley, has won one of its first three meets this season.

The Arlington High School girls' gymnastics team opens its season tomorrow at home at 3:30 p.m. with Peabody furnishing the opposition.

The Arlington Catholic girls' basketball team is at Hudson Catholic on Saturday for a 10:30 a.m. game, and then plays at home against Msgr. Ryan on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

The ACHS freshman hockey team will face Boston College High on Tuesday in a 9 p.m. contest at the Winthrop Larson Rink.

The Arlington High sophomore basketball team will host Natick at 10 a.m. on Saturday, and Lexington on Tuesday at 3:15 p.m.

The AHS boys' gymnastic team will also open its season on Friday at Reading at 3:30 p.m.

The girls' varsity and junior varsity basketball teams will host Haverhill on Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m., and Somerville at the same time on Tuesday.

The AHS junior varsity hockey team will face-off against Chelsea at Revere on Wednesday.

Surging Hawks Hand Wings Defeat

The Red Wings lost their first game of the season to the surging Black Hawks in Bantam intramural action in the Arlington-Menotomy Hockey League.

In another game the Canadiens were also handed their first loss of the season by the second-place Maple Leafs in Squirrt intramural competition.

Sparked by four points by Mike Jenkins and three by Paul Bergantino, including two goals each, the Black Hawks rolled over the Red Wings 7-1. Dennis Mahoney had a goal and an assist for the Hawks, as did Bob Morel. Ed Shahzade scored the other goal.

Dan Howard contributed two assists and Kevin Sullivan and Jim English one each.

Kevin Cahill scored the only Red Wing goal with Pete DiMartino and Carl Douhan assisting.

In another high-scoring game the Islanders beat the Flyers by a similar 7-1 score. Tom Parece scored four goals and assisted on two more for the winners, and Mike Cutone scored three goals and an assist to complete the scoring for the Islanders.

Mike Skenian was credited with two assists for the winners.

Sean Fitzgerald scored the only goal of the game for the Flyers with Brian Fitzgerald and John Carey assisting.

The Wings now have 5-1-2 for 12 points; the Hawks, 5-3 for 10 points followed by the

Islanders and the Flyers.

Steve Ellis scored two goals for the Maple Leafs and Mark Paone two for the Canadiens, but Steve Mahoney and Colin Barbera added single markers to give the Leafs their victory. Sean Barbera and Pat McLellan had assists for the Leafs as did Don Healion for the Canadiens.

In the second game of the Squirrt action, the Flyers edged the last-place Rockies 1-0, with Dave Frangione scoring the lone goal of the contest.

The Canadiens now have a 5-1-2 mark, with the Maple Leafs at 4-3-1 and the Flyers at 3-3-2.

AMHC Teams Participate In Five Tournaments

Teams representing the Arlington-Menotomy Hockey Club participated in a number of games and tournaments in recent days in Lexington, Tyngsboro, Hingham, Winchester, and New York.

The Mites took part in the Hingham

tourney, and split two 4-3 overtime games, losing to Somerset, but defeating Edgeworth, R.I. The Hockey Club lost the final game 4-2 against Abington. However, they made such a hit with fans and tournament officials that they have been invited to take part in the upcoming Kiwanis tournament.

The Squirrt A team lost in the final game at Winchester to the host team, after defeating Stoneham, 3-2, and tying Reading, 1-1.

In another tourney, teams representing the New York Islander Youth Hockey were hosted by Arlington families and competed against Arlington teams.

The New York Squirrt team defeated the Arlington-Menotomy intramural team, 7-1, and also defeated the Arlington Squirrt A team. In the final game the New Yorkers were tied, 2-2 by the Arlington A-A team.

In other action the Arlington Pee Wee A team won their game, and the Pee Wee intramural team lost 6-3 and played to a 1-1 tie.

The AMHC would like to thank the families who hosted the New York visitors.

The Pee Wee A-A and Bantam A-A participated in the Oyster Bay Tourney in New York, and the Bantam B team defeated Lexington, 8-0, in an invitational game at the Hayden Memorial in Lexington.

The Midgets took part in the Greater

Nashua Tournament in Tyngsboro, and

defeated Tyngsboro, 6-5, in double overtime.

Smile, Finland, 6-1 and Nashua, N.H., 4-0,

before losing to Glen Cairn, Ottawa, Canada,

4-1 in the championship game.

Basketball For Girls Grades 5, 6 Starts Next Week

All girls in grades 5 and 6 are invited to participate in Arlington Recreation's girls' basketball. The program will offer instruction as well as informal games of basketball.

Tuesday sessions will be held at the Brackett School from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. Brackett's coach is Karen Seavey. Thursday sessions, 2:45 to 4:15, are at the Stratton coached by Kathy Keefe. Thompson is coached by Kathy Macchi and Dallin is coached by Paula Curcio.

The program will begin Jan. 10 and 12 at these locations. Girls are required to wear sneakers. All other materials will be supplied.

Women's Basketball Starts This Monday

Women's basketball will begin Monday, at the Girls' Gym at Arlington High School. The program is open to all women 18 years of age or older. A small registration fee will be required.

Informal games will be played on Mondays from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. until late February. Anyone interested should report to the Girls' Gym on Monday at 7:15 p.m. For further details and information contact the Recreation Office, 33 Ryder St.



WINNER — Ned Towle shows off the trophies he won in the Portland, Me., annual Thanksgiving Swim Meet. Ned, who swam with the Woburn YMCA Vikings, took third overall for boys aged 11 and 12 with four trophies: 5th in 200 yard freestyle and 100 yard free, 3rd in the 200 yard invitational medley, 1st in 50 yard fly, and he swam the butterfly lap on the 200 yard medley relay team which came in second.

Exercise Program

The North Suburban YMCA is beginning a new program entitled "The Y's Way to a Healthy Back," designed for people who suffer from back pain and lower back discomfort. The six-week program will begin on Monday and meet twice weekly at the YMCA.

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Warrant Opens

Selectmen have opened the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in March. Closing date is Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. All articles to be acted on beginning on March 20 must be at the office of the Board of Selectmen by Jan. 17.

Technically the Town Meeting begins on March 4, a Saturday, when the Town Election will be held.

The Warrant is usually open for two

weeks, during the Monday sessions of the Board of Selectmen. However, there will be no Monday meeting on Jan. 16 because of Martin Luther King Day, and there was no meeting last Monday because of the celebration of New Year.

Candidates

Ten candidates have taken out nomination papers for the March election.

Town Clerk Christine M. Callahan, 15 Everett St., is seeking re-election for a three-year term as Town Clerk, while John J. Balafer, 15 Victoria Rd. is seeking re-election for a three-year term as Town Treasurer.

Robert B. Walsh, 101 Dow Ave., is seeking re-election for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Selectmen. Also seeking the three-year term is Joseph A. Todisco, 81 Sunset Rd.

Three candidates have taken out nomination papers for Selectman for a two-year term. Included are Robert F. O'Neill, 27 Davis Ave., who was named as a member of the board following the death of Selectman Arthur D. Saul Jr.; Harold H. Seward, 16 Frost St.; and Francis R. Murphy, 42 Smith St.

Patricia B. Worden, 27 Jason St., has taken out nomination papers for School Committee for a three-year term, while present member of the Board of Assessors John B. Byrne Jr., 84 Irving St. has taken out papers for a three-year term on that board.

Present member of the Housing Authority John P. Cusack, 20 Pine Ridge Rd., has taken out nomination papers for a five-year term on that board.

4 Rec. Programs For Special Needs To Start Shortly

The following programs sponsored by Arlington Recreation for individuals with special needs will begin this month.

Special Crafts: Moonday evenings at the Recreation Office from 6:30 to 8. Program will include instruction in basic pottery, macrame, candles, photography and more. Begins Monday for eight weeks.

Chef: Friday afternoons at the Ottono Jr. High from 3 to 4:30. This will be an integrated program. Learn to use different kitchen utensils and cook a variety of foods, begins Jan. 13.

Saturday Alive: Continues at the Recreation Office on Saturdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. A small registration fee is required for all programs. For further information please contact the Recreation Office on 33 Ryder St.

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MARRIED—Christine M. Cotter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cotter of Ridge street, became the bride of Daniel J. Silva, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Silva of Varum street, on Oct. 29. The morning ceremony at St. Agnes' Church was followed by a reception at Montvale Plaza. The couple spent four weeks on a wedding trip in Hawaii. Mrs. Silva is a registered nurse. She attended Catherine Laboure School of Nursing and Boston College. Her husband graduated from Wentworth Institute and Northeastern University and is studying for his MBA degree at Harvard.



Mr. and Mrs. Keith Douglas Guernsey

Julie Rita Zavaglia And Keith D. Guernsey Marry

Julie Rita Zavaglia, daughter of M. and Mrs. Frank Zavaglia of Arlington, became the bride of Keith Douglas Guernsey on Oct. 9 at St. Agnes' Church. The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Guernsey of Lexington.

The Rev. Eugene O'Sullivan performed the double ring ceremony.

Janet Casey was the maid of honor. The other attendants were Michele Guernsey, sister of the bridegroom, Laurie, and Karen DiBiase and Joanne Pietryk cousins of the bride. Tina DiBiase was the flower girl.

Larry Melanson of Franklin, N.H., Gerard Petringa, Thomas Rosa, Frank Zavaglia Jr. and Frank McCormack of Fullerton, Cal. attended the bridegroom.

Kathy Murray was in charge of the guest book.

Mrs. Guernsey attended Mass. Bay Community College. Her husband attended Merrimack College and was graduated from Framingham State College. He is employed by Cambridge Thermionics Corp.

After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple is living in Arlington.

Diet Workshop Sets Open Houses

Diet Workshop will hold open house during the week starting Jan. 9 at the following locations:

Park Avenue Congregational Church, Monday at 7 p.m. and Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Fidelity House, Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Men, women and children are invited at no obligation.

Kiwanis Clubs Have Scholarships

The Arlington Kiwanis Club reminds local private and public school students that their high schools have information about the annual New England Kiwanis Scholarship Awards. The scholarships are for second semester assistance for one year towards tuition and other costs in technical, nursing and other schools.



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